



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Koji SAWADA  
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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.132**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I, Kei Ichikawa, hereby declare:

1) I am an Electrical Engineer employed by Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

2) I have worked as an Engineer in the field of Video System Design for 15 years.

3) I am the inventor of Japanese Patent No. 07-161100.

4) I have reviewed a portion of the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, for U.S. application No. 09/868,202. In particular, I have reviewed the portion of that Office Action which states that my patent discloses:

... data checking means for checking whether given boundaries ... are continuously recorded at even intervals ... and whether the underlying data has a signal format identical with that of the insert data ... by comparing signal formats including data transfer rates ...

5) In my opinion, one of ordinary skill in the art would not understand my patent as disclosing the above feature of comparing data transfer rates to determine whether signal formats of the two sets of data are identical.

6) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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